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Major Item Categorization
for
CODIB Task Team II - Item Identification

1. Most items of interest to the CODIB Task Team II for identification purposes can be categorized into the following eight major groups:

- a. Type intelligence studies.
- b. Unlike intelligence studies serially numbered.
- c. Periodic current intelligence reports.
- d. Other intelligence studies and reports.
- e. Information reports.
- f. Electrically transmitted messages.
- g. Foreign published intelligence and security classified serial publications.
- h. Foreign unclassified serial publications.

2. Each of the eight major groups is described as follows:

a. Type intelligence studies -- A series of studies that has a general uniformity of presentation and/or content. The studies of a series are usually prepared as the result of a specific plan or program. This category may be further subdivided into three subgroups -- (1) those with meaningful identifying numbers, (2) those with a random or serial number for a short title, and (3) those without any number for an identifier. Examples: NIS (meaningful number) and AOS (random number).

b. Unlike intelligence studies serially numbered -- Those studies which, although having a coded or serial number for identification, are not really serial or uniform publications as each publication may vary markedly in subject and style from the others. These studies are usually numbered serially upon publication in order to have an unclassified short title. Example: Engineer Intelligence Studies (EIS) published by Chief of Engineers.

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c. Periodic current intelligence reports -- Reports that are issued on a fairly uniform periodic basis. These reports are usually issued to keep personnel aware of current events. Example: Daily Intelligence Bulletin or Weekly Intelligence Report.

d. Other intelligence studies and reports -- These studies and reports comprise all those that do not fall in a, b, c or d above.

e. Information reports -- Reports issued by an information collector. Usually these reports are numbered serially by each collector. Example: Defense Intelligence Information Reports prepared by Military Attaches.

f. Electrically transmitted messages -- Items transmitted by radio or cable. An item could be a category a, b, c, or d item merely by being transmitted by electrical means rather than in manuscript or photo form.

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h. Foreign published periodicals -- This category can be further subdivided into:

- (1) Newspapers
- (2) Annuals
- (3) Magazines